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EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM AS PER ABOVE REFTELS AND IS PROCEEDING WITH 5 IVS AND 1 MULTIREGIONAL GRANTEE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. FARAJ B. HAMOUDAH TO ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL MARKETING INSTITUTE TO BE HELD FROM JUNE 23 AUGUST 2. TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE SUBMITTED UPON TRAVEL CONFIRMATION.
- 2. EMBASSY REGRETS DEALY IN TARIYUM PROGRAM (SEE ABU DHABI 0625) BUT STILL HOPES ESTABLISH NEW DATE.
- 3. AMBASSADOR WILL EXTEND LETERS OF INVITATION TO SHARQI (RULER OF RUJAIRAH), HAMZA, AND SHURAFA. THESE THREE GRANTEES WILL BE FOR MAXIMUM OF 21 DAYS. AL-GAITH WILL REMAIN AS ALTERNATE IN EVENT ANY ONE OF THE THREE UNABLE TO TRAVEL.
- 4. EMBASSY FPPRECIATSE DEPT WILLINGNESS EXTEND GRANT TO TAHNOUN FOR 10-DAY VISIT. RE CONCERNS PARA 6 REF B, WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN FIRST INSTANCE BELIEVE THAT TAHNOUN -- AS PERSON OF

GREATER IMPORTANCE (BECAUSE OF HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO SHAIKH ZAYID) THAN EITHER HABROUSH OR OTAIBA -- SHOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT EQUAL TO THEM. IN T RS RESPECT WE FEEL QUITE SURE DEPT WILL RECEIVE PROBABLY MORE OFFERS FROM NON-OFFICIAL SOURCES TO PROVIDE SUCH SUPPORT THAN CAN BE FITTED INTO 10 DAYS. GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNIVERSITY ARIZONA, ARTHUR D. LITTLE, STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND OLY COMPANIES (MOBIL AND EXXON) HAVE ALREADY OR WILL, WITH LITTLE OR NO PROMPTING BY EMBASSY, ALMOST CERTAINLY OFFER TO ACT AS TAHNOUN'S HOST FOR PORTION OF VISIT AND GIVE HIM FULL DOSE OF RED CARPET. IN SHORT, WHILE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES YET TO BE SUBMITTED, WE SEE NO REASON BELIEVE TAHNOUN SHOULD NOT OR CANNOT RECEIVE TOUR THE EQUAL OF HIS PREDECESSORS.

5. NOTE: CLARIFICATION ON STATUS OF MISS LUYUTHA SULTAN FOR WOMEN BROADCASTERS PROGRAM WILL BE SUBMITTED ASAP TO MEET THE APRIL 16 STARTING DATE OF PROJECT. DUE TO SULTAN'S DEPARTURE FROM THE U.A.E. TO OMAN, SHE NO LONGER INCLUDED IN U.A.E'S EXCHANGE ALLOCATION. SEE STATE 55941 AND 8245; MUSCAT 355. STERNER

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